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ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY PROLIFIC CIGARETTE THIEF

The Tucson Police Department seeks public assistance with identifying a suspected prolific cigarette thief. Between the dates of February 17, 2013 and April 14, 2013, a group of suspects have engaged in nine separate incidents of cigarette theft from different Circle K stores in Tucson. The incidents occurred at 1785 West Prince Road and at 10290 East Speedway Boulevard. The same suspect or group of suspects have committed as many as three thefts in one day and most recently stole cigarettes from 1785 West Prince Road on April 11, 2013 and April 14, 2013. All of the incidents took place between the hours of 6:56 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., with the majority occurring in the early morning hours. Circle K staff are still working to compile a complete list of stolen items, but as of April 5 2013, nearly \$22,000 worth of merchandise has been stolen. The two most recent cases in April 2013 could put the total value of the loss to the Circle K Corporation at over \$25,000.

In each of the crimes, the suspect(s) entered the stores with some form of bag (i.e. a trash bag, an athletic bag, or a duffel/suitcase). After entering, the suspect(s) walked directly behind the cashier counter and filled the bags with cigarettes and liquor. In each incident, the suspect(s) wore hooded sweatshirts or hooded jackets in an attempt to hide their faces.

Working in cooperation with staff at the Circle K stores, Tucson Police Department detectives have obtained several photographs from each of the incidents. One particular male suspect appeared in the surveillance video footage obtained in relation to most, if not all, of the crimes. The male's face appears in several of the still images, and the Tucson Police Department is requesting the public's help in identifying the male suspect.

Due to the brazen conduct of this group of suspects and the disregard toward both the citizens of Tucson and the employees of Circle K stores, detectives request that anyone having information regarding the identity of this suspect, his accomplices, and/or his whereabouts is urged to call 911 or 88-Crime. Photographs of the male suspect are included below.

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